

TABLE:

Premier League Division 1

1st Grade:

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Capital City Suns	16	11	2	3	2	49	20	37
Monaro	16	9	4	3	4	46	22	35
Belconnen United	16	10	2	4	2	42	16	34
Weston Creek	16	7	6	3	6	35	23	33
Canberra Deakin	16	9	3	4	2	33	19	32
Canberra Olympic	16	9	2	5	1	32	18	30
Gungahlin Juventus	16	6	2	8	2	27	43	22
Uni of Canberra	16	3	1	12	1	24	44	11
Burns Club	16	3	0	13	0	14	59	9
Queanbeyan City	16	2	0	14	0	23	71	6

Under 23's

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Uni of Canberra	16	11	3	2	3	65	17	39
Belconnen United	16	10	4	2	4	68	23	38
Weston Creek	16	9	4	3	4	35	23	35
Monaro	16	7	5	4	5	47	29	31
Canberra Olympic	16	6	5	5	3	36	20	26
Capital City Suns	16	7	1	8	1	54	41	23
Canberra Deakin	16	6	3	7	1	57	27	22
Gungahlin Juventus	16	5	2	9	1	47	41	18
Burns Club	16	4	3	9	2	28	34	17
Queanbeyan City	16	0	0	16	0	4	186	0

Cosmos Youth

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Belconnen United	16	15	1	0	1	77	13	47
Uni of Canberra	16	12	2	2	2	49	16	40
Gungahlin Juventus	15	12	0	3	0	59	22	36
Canberra Deakin	16	9	1	6	1	46	30	29
Weston Creek	16	8	2	6	2	51	36	28
Capital City Suns	15	5	3	7	3	27	38	21
Monaro	16	5	1	9	1	38	54	17
Burns Club	16	3	1	12	1	22	54	11
Canberra Olympic	16	3	0	13	0	20	76	9
Queanbeyan City	16	1	1	14	1	19	67	5

Note: Queanbeyan City forfeited to Weston Creek Royals - Youth 27.6.99

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TABLE:

Premier League Division 2

1st Grade:

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
O'Connor Knights	19	15	4	0	2	42	10	51
Tuggeranong United	19	12	3	4	3	55	21	42
Cooma	19	9	3	7	1	33	30	31
ANU	19	7	5	7	4	38	30	30
Belwest Foxes	19	8	2	9	2	41	41	28
White Eagles	19	6	4	9	3	34	35	25
Sabres FC	19	3	7	9	5	25	48	21
ADFA	19	1	2	16	2	14	67	7

Reserve Grade:

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
O'Connor Knights	19	15	2	2	2	41	14	49
Tuggeranong United	19	12	2	5	1	57	40	39
ANU	19	12	1	6	1	48	21	38
White Eagles	19	10	2	7	2	51	31	34
Belwest Foxes	19	11	0	8	0	56	23	33
ADFA	18	5	2	11	1	27	44	18
Sabres FC	18	4	1	13	1	18	48	14
Cooma	19	0	2	17	2	11	87	4

Rockets Youth League

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Tuggeranong United	16	15	1	0	1	82	15	47
Belconnen United	16	11	2	3	2	63	31	37
Belwest Foxes	16	7	3	6	3	45	35	27
Southern Spirit	16	4	1	11	1	30	65	17
Radford	16	5	1	10	1	24	41	14
Belsouth	16	2	0	14	0	19	76	6

Note: ADFA forfeited both games against O'Connor Knights 3.7.99

Golden Boot Chase

- 17: T. Lemezina (CCS)
 16: S. Lazzari (WCK)
 12: P. Phommaseisy (CCS)
 11: D. Bartone (UoC), D. Macor (Mon), L. Simeonov (Mon)
 10: M. Whyte (Bel)
 8: B. Deighan (CDKn)
 7: G. Cattnach (Juv), J. Glass (Juv), G. Howarth (Coly), P. Hader (WCK), J. Campagna (Mon)
 6: N. Popovich (Coly)

CANBERRA SOCCER NEWS

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EDITORIAL:

The season is nearly finished and for some teams it is only two more weeks of play to go.

Maybe it is time to start to look at 2000 and what's in store. Soccer Canberra has set a list of requirements for clubs to follow to be able to play in Division 1 next season. Will there be any change?

Well, if you talk to some people, maybe there will. The move everyone has been looking at is seeing Queanbeyan City removed from the league and bringing in either the O'Connor Knights or Tuggeranong United.

If results were the main focus of decision, then it would be simply O'Connor for Queanbeyan. O'Connor Knights have now won the Championship in both grades of Division 2 whilst Queanbeyan City are last in all three grades of Division 1.

Speaking with Queanbeyan City President Ilija Tomeski last weekend, he believes the club is on the up. They have worked out where they went wrong this season and know that this mistake will not happen again.

Queanbeyan are probably the best backed club in the league, both with regard to spectators and cash flow. They have some of the biggest sponsors in the competition.

More interesting, and a fact that a large number of people may have missed, is that clubs like this who provide large crowds also help all the other clubs through gate money and purchases at the canteen.

Queanbeyan are keen to stay in the Premier League Division 1 next season and are looking for a link to the juniors in Goulburn and possibly the move to their old ground at High Street.

In the next few editions I hope to be able to have some info from Soccer Canberra regarding what will be required of each club to continue to play in or to join the Division 1.

The results over last weekend have seen four teams take out their respective Divisions and we offer congratulations to each of these.

Premier League Division 1 Cosmos Youth League was won by Belconnen United. They drew 2-2 with their nearest rivals Uni of Canberra and that secured the Championship.

In Premier League Division 2, both the First and reserve grades were sewn up and both by the same team. That team is O'Connor Knights and now it will be up to Ivan Cengic and his committee to make a decision about the move to Division 1.

The fourth team is in the Rockets Youth League, and that team is Tuggeranong United. The result was held over after an extra three rounds were added to the end of the season.

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Over the last few weeks, as it has been over the whole season, we have seen a lack of referees at our games.

This has been the case whether the matches have been part of the Masters Division on a Sunday morning or a missing third official for the Premier League Division 1 first grade game.

Last weekend the Queanbeyan City v Burns Club Cosmos Youth match did not have an official at all. Two weeks ago at Jamison Oval, there were only two officials available for the first grade game between Burns Club and Gungahlin Juventus.

There is obviously a problem and that is recruitment. I have written in these pages on a number of times the need for you out there to get involved. Until the Soccer Referees Canberra can build up their numbers, we will have these situations occurring and matches will go without referees.

There will be training courses coming up in the off-season and all I can do is plead that some of you get involved.



Capital City Suns 3 (1)



Canberra Olympic 0 (0)

By George Lemon

Capital City Suns went one step closer to take out the Premier League championship with a 3-0 drubbing of Canberra Olympic at O'Connor Oval last Sunday.

The Suns are now two points ahead of Monaro who had a 1-1 draw with Canberra Deakin.

To make the day "sweeter", it was the first win for the Sun's over Olympic in its short two-year history.

"This was a sweet victory, the sweetest of victories. Not only because we must keep on winning to take out the Championship, but it is awesome to beat a team like Olympic. Especially when it is for the first time." coach Dojcinoski said.

Both clubs had key players missing. The Suns were without star midfielder Ilija Prenzowski whilst Olympic were without Alex Castro, both who were playing for the Canberra Cosmos. Olympic's goalkeeper, Angelo Konstantinou was also missing due to Futsal commitments in Vanuatu.

The Suns came out firing in the first half and were unlucky not to take an early lead with Tony Lemezina missing a one-on-one with the Olympic goalkeeper, Dmitri Stamarcos and Luka Ujdur hitting the post.

The Suns reward for a sparkling first-half attacking performance came in the 43rd minute through the boot

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of the 'old warrior' Tony Lemezina. After receiving a magic through-pass from Ujdur, Lemezina trapped the ball and turned and shot in one move. The ball strolled what appeared to be timelessly along the ground passing the reaching hands of Stamarcos.

Capital City Suns went into the break leading 1-0, however their coaching staff, Bill Dojcinoski and Ian Shaw must have been ruing the missed opportunities.

Lemezina missed another one-on-one in the early stages of the second half with fellow striker Pat Phommaseisy finding the woodwork.

However in the 65th minute the 'Master', Lemezina and his 'Apprentice', Phommaseisy combined to bring off one of the sweetest goals of the season. Lemezina in a dazzling move stole the ball from Olympic defender Steve Vanzetti and darted down the left-hand side of the field. He then floated in a magic ball which found the flying head of Phommaseisy, who guided the ball past Stamarcos.

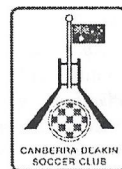
Ten minutes later Phommaseisy scored his second goal for the match and his twelfth for the season to wrap up his team's emphatic victory.

Best on the field for the Suns were Ujdur and Phommaseisy, whilst Thai Tran and Mil Sredojevic were solid in defence. In a dissapointing outfit, Olympic's Geoff Howarth shined.

Assistant coach Ian Shaw said "it was an excellent result. The team knitted very well."

Olympic's coach Baz Giampaolo was disappointed with the outcome. "It's going to be tough for us to make the semis. We must win our final two matches and hope for other games to go our way", he said.

The Suns also won both minor grades, taking all three grades for only the second time in the club's history.



Canberra Deakin 1 (0)



Monaro 1 (0)

By Nathan Long

Despite playing 85 minutes with 10 men, Monaro fought out a tough 1-all draw with Canberra Deakin at Deakin on Sunday.

Monaro defender Nick Mathas was shown the red card in the 10th minute following a dangerous sliding tackle on Deakin's Ben Degihan.

His dismissal pressed Monaro into action, and in the first half they had more chances than Deakin, even though Deakin seemed to get the better run of play.

Degihan showed great touch, consistently giving the Monaro midfield headaches. He had a shot blocked by Monaro keeper Peter MacLeod in the 17th minute and created another half-chance 60 seconds later.

In the 34th minute Monaro let their best scoring chance get away. They were awarded a penalty kick after Deakin's Anthony Rakic tripped Joe Campagna on the left side of the box. Monaro captain Danny Macor took the shot and pushed it wide left after Deakin keeper Pedro Pavez dived to the right.

Deakin scored first in the 60th minute after a corner. Degihan headed the ball into the top left corner off Rakic's cross. The ball glanced off Degihan's head and looped over the mass of players in the goal mouth.

Monaro replied 12 minutes later when Danny Macor chipped a well timed pass over three Deakin defenders to a flying Lazar Simeonov, who then popped the ball over the advancing Pavez.

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In the last 10 minutes, Deakin had three chances to steal a victory. Deakin captain Mladin Rogic soared high to meet a Dukic cross, but headed it away from goal. One minute from fulltime MacLeod saved another dangerous Rogic header.

Monaro coach Andrew Monterosso was somewhat disappointed his side didn't come away with the win. "Even with ten men we were still the far better side on the day, but I'm glad we got the two points."

Deakin coach Bernie Lustica was equally philosophical. "When you look at it, probably a fair result, but it's a point lost to us because we would have been equal with Monaro had we beaten them."



Queanbeyan City Lions 3 (2)



Burns Club 0 (0)

By Nick Guoth

On a beautiful sunny day, those who ventured out to watch Queanbeyan City Lions play Burns Club would have been very impressed with their team and seen the light burns hope for the future.

For the record Queanbeyan won 3-0, but they should have demolished their opponents. They played nearly half of the game with only 10 men, but the workrate of some of the players, especially including Frane Pratezina, was overwhelming.

Although only their second win of the season, the style of play under new coach Martin Albrighton was calm, open and full of teamwork.

The signs were there early for Burns when only two minutes in a cross from Zmejko Trajkovski made it to the far post for Steve Roberts to volley forcing Burns keeper, Owen McDermott, to pull off a great save.

Roberts then went off ill and whilst being treated Queanbeyan struck. A cross from Vasko Stojceski came into the box. Peter Thompson, under pressure from Goran Veljanovski, headed the ball back to his keeper. Only one problem - McDermott had come out and could only turn to watch it slowly roll into the empty net.

At the half-way point of the first stanza Burns were starting to gain some confidence and moving forward well. During one attack Greg Lemin made his way into the box, but found himself impeded by Veljanovski. Burns were awarded a penalty for the infraction.

Lemin dragged himself up and moved in to take the kick after the normal antics from the keeper. He sent the ball right, but Jovanco Naumovski went the same way and was able to parry it away from danger. This was most likely the turning point of the game.

For Queanbeyan, it was just a minor hiccup. A few minutes later they were back on attack. Roberts and Veljanovski played a nice one-two freeing the former for a chance. McDermott smothered the shot and Karl Varley then cleared the ball off the line.

Roberts, a key player to Queanbeyan's offence was then substituted by John Glubovic. Little did John know what sort of afternoon he was in for.

The respite was not long. With 34 minutes gone on the clock, Stojceski sent in a low cross from the right. It beat a defender and was missed completely by the keeper. Glubovic was on hand for the tap in. In the exuberance of the celebration, he ripped off his shirt and was thus cautioned.

Towards the end of the half, Burns tried to get back into the match. Substitute Danny Hatley shot wide when the ball was not cleared properly by Queanbeyan. Then with only a few minutes to go Daniel Park put Varley through on goal. Before he could shoot Ilija Jordanoski pulled off a strong tackle to put the ball away for a corner.

Their last chance came when David Geremia was cautioned following a bad foul. The shot went straight at Naumovski and that was easy for him, the way he was playing today.

The break was a respite for the fans from the action as Queanbeyan continued to pile on the pressure as soon as they returned to the field. Geremia headed wide from a Pratezina cross and then Geremia sent in a cross to Veljanovski. His shot was well saved and when it fell back to Geremia, his volley went across goal.

Eight minutes into the half, Geremia then upended a Burns defender with a bad late tackle and was shown his second yellow card and had to leave the field. This somewhat changed the tactics of Queanbeyan as they now pulled players back behind the ball and hoped for a counter attack.

More often than not Burns were at fault for missed passes that allowed the quick attack by Queanbeyan. What shots Burns had were all from distance and either went wide were easily handled by Naumovski.

Stojceski and Veljanovski combined well in one of these breaks, but the latter shot just wide. Pratezina was a workhorse at this time. He was back defending winning the ball and then up supporting his attackers whenever possible.

Just outside his own box Pratezina stole the ball from a Burns attacker and raced forward before sending Golubovic free to be one-one-one with McDermott. His shot went straight at the keeper, with most of the goal to aim for. Pratezina was so upset he went up to remonstrate with his teammate for wasting such a good chance.

Then with 28 minutes gone in the half Tim Skinner was sent from the field for an elbow to Golubovic after a minor skirmish when both went in for a 50-50 challenge.

This returned the balance of the game towards Queanbeyan who were already playing with what looked to be a two man advantage. Two minutes after the send-off Pratezina won another ball in defence and sent Veljanovski towards goal in a three on two. He found Gjorgievski who planted the ball past McDermott giving him no chance.

Burns had one more chance to gain a goal for the afternoon. A Scott Hayes cross found Park, but his strong header was well saved by Naumovski.

Queanbeyan continued to press but chances by Jordanoski and Pratezina didn't reap rewards.

New coach for Queanbeyan, Martin Albrighton was pleased and said "this was the best game they ever played. We put it together as a team."

"Today we played without two of our better players in Cosmos teammates Danny Burt and Nick Purdue. We played with ten men and were still able to convert", Albrighton said. He also believed Pratezina and 14 year old Vlatko Tomeski were standouts.

Burns coach Steve Bryant blamed himself. "I picked the wrong team." But he still wasn't happy with those who were out there. "You can't coach some of the things out there. We need consistency; up one minute, down another."



Gungahlin Juventus 2 (2) Weston Creek Royals 2 (0)

By Nick Guoth

Gungahlin Juventus were on one of their worst losing streaks in their history and to their credit fought hard at Jamison Oval to draw 2-2 with the well fancied Weston Creek Royals.

Even though they had a 2-0 lead at the break, the result was a breath of relief for the fans and the coach, Frank Cachia. "We've arrested the slide. Now we are back on track."

It was a game littered with the continuous stop and start that made the playing of good football impossible. It also included two controversial goals.

The first goal came from an excellent run by Tony Rinaudo down the right hand side. He beat a few players before sending a cross for Niall Staddart to finish off.

The Weston players thought the ball had gone over the goal line and instead of continuing to defend stopped to wait for the whistle and were thus punished.

Then Weston were caught on the break and George Cattanach punished them when he put away a one-on-one with the keeper, Troy Boots.

A few words were said at the break in the Weston dressing room. They came out firing on all cylinders and tied up the game in the first 15 minutes.

Martin Lazzari sent in a strong free kick that came back off the crossbar. Juventus made valiant attempts to clear the ball, but the only one to get a true touch was Adrian Parragali who knocked it home.

Parragali has been a key player for Weston Creek. His coach Jimmy Bland said "he leads by example and always comes up with the goods when moving forward."

Then the second controversial goal where Steve Lazzari was suspect of using his hand to control the ball. It was not seen by the officials and he carried on to drill the ball into the net.

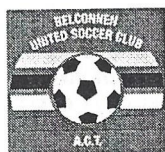
Steve Lazzari had a great chance to gain all three points for his side, but a great save by the keeper denied any change of score.

This was the third match of the season between the two teams and incredibly Weston has not won a single one.

Bland gave credit to Juventus. "Their form didn't go with their current position in the League. They are a quality side, very quick and pass well."

But he was all praise for the comeback of his own side as well. "The boys showed a lot of desire in getting back from 2-0 down. They're a resilient bunch of guys who hate getting beat." And I guess that's not good news for the other teams come finals time.

Weston have the easiest of a run to the finals with the two bottom teams to play and may continue to rest injured forward Peter Hader until the Finals.



Belconnen United 1 (1) University of Canberra 0 (0)

By Nick Guoth

They say one goal is enough for a win and for Belconnen United this was the case in their victory over University of Canberra.

In the corresponding match earlier in the season, the two teams fought out a 2-2 draw, so Bels were wary of what the students could do.

The scoreline, as has been the case with a number of their matches, didn't reflect the domination Belconnen had during this game. Yet, Uni also had some good opportunities to grab a share of the points.

The only goal of the game came from Aaron Fuller. He unleashed a strike from 25m out that was just high enough to get over Chris Freeman. The ball hit the crossbar and dropped over the line enough to convince the officials that it had gone in.

Belconnen coach Lino Fiorese said later "it was a good performance. We knocked the ball around."

"We created a lot of good goalscoring opportunities and played very well in the first half."

For Uni, Rod Lynes was somewhat disheartened. "We could have drawn, but didn't deserve to." Rod singled out youngster Peter Curwan and goalkeeper Freeman as having good games.

Run to the Finals

Capital City Suns (37) [+29] Uni of Canberra, Monaro

Monaro (35) [+24]: Belconnen United, Capital City Suns



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Belconnen United (34) [+26]: Monaro, Canberra Deakin

Weston Creek Royals (33) [+12]: Queanbeyan City Lions, Burns Club

Canberra Deakin (32) [+14]: Burns Club, Belconnen United

Canberra Olympic (30) [+14]: Gungahlin Juventus, Queanbeyan City Lions

Note: (points) and [goal difference]

Premier League Division 2 Report

Somewhat alike the Division 1 first grade, there is a real fight for the Final Four places in Division 2. The only main difference is that the O'Connor Knights have taken out the Championship in both the first and reserve grades.

This is an achievement that has not been replicated for quite some years past. Not only that, they have done this with two rounds to go.

The first grade team have so far gone through unbeaten and will obviously endeavour to keep that record for the final two weekends.

ADFA 0 (0) - ANU 5 (1)
S. Channing 2
R. Stoddart
D. Limbrick
M. Palfrey

White Eagles 1 (1) - Cooma 1 (0)
G. Milovanovic S. Fleitas

O'Connor Knights 3 (2) - Belwest Foxes 0 (0)
S. Scerba 3

Tuggeranong United 3 (2) - Sabres FC 0 (0)
J. Warren-Smith
D. Sanchez
M. Conlon

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CSN Predictions for Week 17

Monaro v Belconnen United
2pm: Riverside Stadium (1st Rd Monaro 3-2)
The only game to include any of the six teams involved in the crush at the Top. Second v Third and a critical match for both teams, not only to stay in the fight for a Finals place, but also to get into the coveted 1st or 2nd place. Bels are still without Perinovic and Junna may be injured whilst Monaro are minus Mathis.
PICK: MONARO

Canberra Deakin v Burns Club
2pm: Deakin Oval (1st Rd Deakin 4-0)
Deakin couldn't take advantage of a ten-man Monaro side last week and finished with a share of the points. This time they want the full quota and their opponents are inconsistent. Good against Juventus and bad in Queanbeyan. What do we see this week?
PICK: DEAKIN

Weston Creek Royals v Queanbeyan City Lions
2pm: Woden Park (1st Rd Weston 2-1)
Queanbeyan won very well last week and most of the game they had only 10 men. The spirit in the club has grown and this match will be a real test for them. One thing is for sure, they won't lie down. Weston are playing well and looking to grab a Top 2 spot.
PICK WESTON

Canberra Olympic v Gungahlin Juventus
2pm: Majura Oval (1st Rd Juve 4-1)
Is it too late for Olympic? Juventus drew with Weston last week but squandered a 2 goal lead for the second week in a row. This will be a good game with both sides out to win. The real question will be how Olympic can handle the loss of a number of their top players.
PICK: OLYMPIC

University of Canberra v Capital City Suns
2pm: Mawson Oval (1st Rd Suns 6-1)
Suns have nearly wrapped up the Championship and could do so with results in other matches going their way, but first they have to fight off the plucky students. Belconnen struggled to defeat the Uni 1-0 last week. The Suns are a better class.
PICK: SUNS

Last Tuesday night they played the one catch-up game to fulfil the 1st grade results.

Sabres FC 2 (0) - ADFA 0 (0)
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The run in sees a number of crucial games being played. Ignoring O'Connor who have won the Championship and Tuggeranong United who have secured 2nd place, the other teams have:

Cooma: (31) [+3] Tuggeranong United, Belwest Foxes
ANU: (30) [+8] White Eagles, O'Connor Knights
Belwest Foxes: (28) [0] Sabres FC, Cooma
White Eagles: (25) [-1] ANU, Tuggeranong United

As one can see, there are too many different configurations of wins, draws and losses to help make up those final two spots and all teams are in with a chance. White Eagles, of course have a very hard task before them.

The reserve grade is nearly as messy with positions 2 through 5 all up for grabs. The big game this week is White Eagles v ANU with the winner being in a key position to grab the fourth spot.



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